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SUBJECT: CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING

FOR SISCO AND ATHERTON FROM SOBER

1. UK EMBASSY INFORMED US THAT BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN PRECEDENT OF DIVISION OF LABOR RELATING TO PRESENTATION ON REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AT RESTRICTED MINISTERIAL SESSION. CALLAGHAN PROPOSES COVERING NATO, IRAQ, AND PERSIAN GULF. ASSUMES SECRETARY WOULD TOUCH ON MIDDLE EAST, EAST-WEST, AND INDIAN OCEAN.

2. I BELIEVE CALLAGHAN'S PROPOSAL IS CONSISTENT WITH VIEW EXPRESSED IN OUR APRIL 25 MEMO TO SECRETARY THAT HE MIGHT CONCENTRATE ON MIDDLE EAST, INDIAN OCEAN AND USSR (AS WELL AS ON PERSIAN GULF WHERE SOME OVERLAP WOULD NOT BE AMISS-- FOR EXAMPLE, IN LIGHT OUR NEW INITIATIVES IN SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN, AND ASSIGNMENT OF NEW RESIDENT AMBASSADORS).

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR AUTHORIZING US TO TELL BRITS
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THAT CALLAGHAN'S PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE. RUSH

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